

Mileage drawn by Dewan Peishkars for journeys from, and to head quarters performed on the same day in 1105.

88. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of mileage drawn by each of the Dewan Peishkars in the year 1105 on account of journeys undertaken by them from, and back to their respective stations on one and the same day?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:—

		Rs.	Ch.	C.
Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum	...	470	14	0
Do. Quilon	...	126	14	0
Do. Kottayam	...	473	7	0
Commissioner, Devicolum	...	324	0	0

Appointment of President and Judges of the Village Panchayat Court, Trivandrum.

89. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the period of the predecessor in office of the present President of the Village Panchayat Court, Trivandrum, expired and when the present incumbent was appointed;

(b) when the present President took charge;

(c) the cause of the delay in the appointment;

(d) when the three Judges who were last appointed as Judges were so appointed; and

(e) when the vacancies to which they were appointed actually occurred?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The period of office of the present President expired on 20-6-1106 and the present President was appointed on 27-10-1106.

(b) On 12-11-1106.

(c) In making these appointments the Government have to carefully consider the suitability of the available candidates and then make a selection. This must take some time. To provide against any such unavoidable delays affecting the work of the courts, Regulation II of 1106 has been passed, extending the terms of existing Judges until the appointment of the successors.

(d) On 27-10-1106.

(e) On 20-6-1106.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand from the member that during the period of about five months, that is from Makaram to Mithunam, this Court was working without the four judges including the President?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that because of the absence of these four judges the litigant public are put to considerable difficulties?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are 11 members on the Village Panchayat Court. In the absence of 4, even with 7, they could form a quorum, post cases and hear them.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Answer to part (c) says: "In making these appointments the Government have to carefully consider the suitability of available candidates and then make a selection. This must take some time." May I know from the member whether this difficulty could not have been avoided if the Government had taken care to consider the suitability of appointing candidates before the vacancy arises in courts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Such a thing could have been avoided but in this case the recommendation of the District Magistrate came a few days after Government had passed their orders.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the recommendation of the District Magistrate came only after Government called for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate anticipated it, because it is seen from his letter that he has not quoted the Government letter number. So what I say is his report came only after Government passed their orders.

Decrees against the Government.

90. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): (1) Are the Government aware that unreasonable delay is caused in satisfying decrees in suits in which the Sirkar is a judgment debtor?

(2) Will they be pleased to call for a statement of decrees in the Quilon District Court in which the Sirkar is the judgment debtor and in respect of which the decree amounts have not been paid?

(3) Are they aware:

(a) that they are losers to a considerable extent owing to the neglect of officers concerned in not paying the amounts soon after decrees; and

(b) that even admittedly valid claims against the Sirkar are not settled out of court after the receipt of notice under Section 65 of the *Civil Procedure Code*?

(4) Will they be pleased to state whether they propose to take action against those officers owing to whose neglect the claims have not been so settled and the claimants are put to the necessity of resorting to a court of law?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) A statement * furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(3) (a) No.

(b) No.

(4) The question of taking such action will be considered when instances of neglect are brought to the notice of Government.

* *Vide* Appendix, page 799.